

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-60 are pending.

Claims 1-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second Paragraph. Independent claims 1, 13, 21, 33, 41, and 53 were rejected for not being clear as to one or more of: the "fraction portion", the "exponent", or the "function mask table" and "multiplexer". Claim 26 and 40 were cited for typographical errors.

It is noted with appreciation, however, that the claims are otherwise deemed allowable.

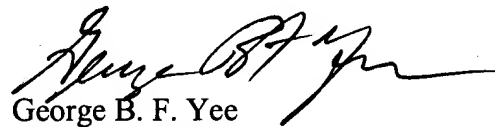
As to the independent claims, the claims have been amended to more clearly recite the roles of the "fraction portion", the "exponent", and/or the "function mask table" and "multiplexer" as they appear in the claims. No new matter has been added. The Section 112 rejection of these claims is believed to be overcome.

As to claim 26, garbled text resulting from a typographical error has been canceled. As amended, claim 26 depends from claim 21.

As to claim 40, the dependency of this has been clarified; the claim depends from claim 33.

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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